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Regardless of the non-availability of Malta for phase III, I am now convinced we should plump for a joint operational headquarters on Malta for phase II Reconnaissance.

This is based on

1. The establishment of a Joint Op. HQ. elsewhere will dissipate our available personnel strength
2. The only advantage to the establishment of a HQ elsewhere would be the easier availability of intelligence, but I believe rapid communications and transportation in and out of Malta will overcome most of such difficulties.
3. We cannot establish an operational HQ in time to service operations of phase II with any degree of efficiency if the HQ is to be located except in Malta.

On the assumption that Malta is adopted
primarily as a

1. HQ Base
2. Training Base
3. Commo Base
4. Air-Commo Base
5. Air infiltration mounting or staging Base

I recommend:

- a. We assemble Military Junta in Rome and have [] instruct them to recruit two each (total eight) pixies who are capable of
 - a. Air jumps into their respective areas.
 - b. making proper contact with principal representative in Albania in the area each Committee member is responsible for.
 - c. escaping, through the obvious hardships and obstacles, to Greece (or to Coastal rendezvous)
 - d. bringing back the info we want to know.

2. When [] satisfied eight men recruited arrange their transport to Malta.

3. [] to Malta

4. Official OpC request to Oso for one Commo man to depart by 8 September for survey of Malta to bring back here a report on our Commo needs there

- a. Ground based equipment
- b. Air based equipment
- c. pixie equipment
- d. Operating & maintenance personnel for phase II
- e. resolve a joint cipher

Also request to Oso to call for alert that permanent commitment to Malta one Commo officer and one maintenance man is in the wind, plus one cipher clerk for a strictly OpC cipher. Commo network sketch attached.

5. Idea of Combined Security Board be abandoned, at least for phase II

6. [] be despatched to Athens via London, [] to latter with [] on 17 September for a one week stay, thence to Athens to report to [] and act as intelligence support to [] in Rome if [] seems to work out.

7. Strong pressure be placed on Army for [] and [] to go to Malta in British uniform. Both to be instructed locally in the Motorola radio while being briefed.

8. [] be told to arrange for survey of Aegean Islands to determine suitable and feasible one for phase III. [] to make same recommendations concerning Turk Aegean Coastal Area after consulting []

